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Leadership Growth Workshops Planned For August

During the month of August LEADERSHIP GROWTH WORKSHOPS will be held in three geographical areas of the Southeast Convention.

Designed to give specific instruction and help to Sunday School Teachers and Superintendents, Adult Advisors to Youth Groups, and other church leaders and ministers, the Workshops offer an excellent opportunity for our Sunday Schools and Churches to gain new insights and inspiration.

Miss Mildred Widber, Secretary of the Department of Leadership and Field Program, Rev. Howard F. Boardman, staff member in the Division of Christian Education, and Rev. Walter E. Dobler, Secretary of Adult Work and Family Life are the national leaders for the Workshops, which are being sponsored jointly by the Christian Education Committee of the Southeast Convention and the Division of Christian Education of the Board of Home Missions.

The Workshops will be held in Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. While it is expected that interested persons will attend the Workshop in their geographical area, it will be possible to attend one of the others if it is at a more convenient time.

Alabama-Northwest Florida

Date — August 11-14

Place — Southern Union College

Cost — \$12.50 (includes registration fee). Send Registration Fee (\$1.00) to Dr. A. R. Van Cleave, Wadley, Alabama

Georgia-South Carolina

Date — August 14-18

Place — Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain (Chipley), Ga.

Cost — \$13.50 (includes registration fee). Send Registration Fee (\$1.00) to Mrs. W. Raymond Berry, 303 Dallis Street, LaGrange, Ga.

Kentucky - Tennessee

Date — August 19-21

Place — Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Cost — (approximate for motel and meals) \$12.50. Send Registration Fee (\$1.00) to Mrs. James Gager Jr., Pilgrim Congregational Church, Glenwood at Third, Chattanooga 4, Tenn.

Please be sure to send in your advance registration a month ahead.

Miss Widber, who joined the education department of the American Board in 1930, came to the Division of Christian Education in 1937 as Secretary for Children's Work. In 1950 she assumed her present responsibilities.

Mr. Dobler, who has a primary concern for the church-sponsored family camp movement, came to the Division of Christian Education after serving the pastorate and on the faculty of Yankton College.

Mr. Boardman, who is married to Jean Sanderson, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ross Sanderson, recently came to the Division of Christian Education after serving several pastorates, most recently in Newton, Iowa.

PF-YF Conference Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Southeast Convention Pilgrim/Youth Fellowship was held at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., on Saturday and Sunday, April 30th and May 1st.

The young people and their adult advisors heard Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., Superintendent of the Southeast Convention, give the keynote address on Saturday morning.

The Rev. Russell T. Loesch, Minister to Chaplains and Armed Forces for our CC churches, delivered the sermon at the Sunday morning service, which was conducted by the host pastor, Rev. Arnold Slater.

The Soddy-Daisy Churches helped Pilgrim Church in the preparation of meals and in overnight entertainment.

On Saturday night a banquet was held at the Patten Hotel. The theme was "Africa" and a movie on the theme was shown.

Workshops on a variety of subjects were conducted on Saturday afternoon. Recreation and group singing were led by Mrs. Carl Sanford of Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Peggy Hammock, a student at Southern Union College and president of the group, presided over the sessions which ended following the noon meal on Sunday.

During the elections Miss Lindianne Roberson of LaGrange, Ga., was chosen as president for the new year. Mr. Boyd James of Pearson, Ga., will serve as vice-president.

Two young ladies from Birmingham, Ala., Miss Geri Coate of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and Miss Ann Turner of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, were elected Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

Miss Sandra Pendergrass of Daisy, Tenn., is the new Recording Secretary, and will also serve as Alternate to the Chairman of the Fellowship Commission.

Miss Carolyn Griswold of Daisy is the new Chairman of the Fellowship Commission. Miss Melissa Kelly of LaGrange, Ga., will head the Action Commission with Mr. Tony Hand, a student at Southern Union College, as alternate. The Faith Commission will be led by Mr. Wray Allen of the Huguley Church, Alabama, with Mr. Don Quinn of Birmingham as Alternate.

The president and the chairmen of

Church Builder's Club Chooses New Officers

Rufus G. Obrecht, active layman of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., was elected president of the Southeast Convention Church Builder's Club at its annual meeting in April.

The organization, which has as its primary function the raising of monies for new church projects, held its meeting in connection with the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention.

In the absence of the president, Mr. Obrecht, then vice-president, presided over the sessions which heard reports of the possibility of a new United Church in Huntsville, Alabama.

The Rev. William M. McCullars, pastor of the Oak Grove Church, Pine Mountain, Ga., was elected vice-president. Mr. H. P. Beard of Lanett is the new treasurer and Miss Ellen Hull of Langdale is continued as secretary.

Elected to three-year terms as trustees were Mrs. James T. McAdams of Atlanta, Rev. Robert Shelton of Huguley Church, and Rev. Arnold Slater of Chattanooga.

Church members join the organization by agreeing to contribute \$5.00 for each new church project started in the Convention.

HERE AND THERE

Supt. J. H. Lightbourne Jr. delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon for the Roanoke, Ala., High School May 22. Mr. Joe Bell, son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Bell, was president of the senior class.

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Mr. Ernest R. Stairs, a student at Union College, Kentucky, is serving the Stearns Community Congregational Church. Each month he produces THE MESSENGER, a mimeographed church paper, which is mailed to members of the church and interested individuals.

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Friends of Mr. H. Paul Beaird, secretary of the East Alabama Association for more than 25 years, will be happy to learn that he is now much better and soon will be able to be active again.

the commissions will attend the National Fellowship meeting at Elmhurst College in June, with Rev. Annie R. Campbell, Minister of Christian Education of the Convention.

Southern Union College Graduates Forty Students

Thirty-eight students received the degree of Associate in Arts and two students received certificates in Commercial Science at the 1960 commencement exercises of The Southern Union College.

The graduates and their families and friends of the institution heard Dr. Irvine S. Ingram, retiring president of West Georgia College, Carrollton, Ga., deliver the baccalaureate sermon on "Achieving One's Potential."

The Southern Union Choir and the two special vocal groups, the girls trio and the boys quartet, under the direction of Miss Grace Crump, provided special music for the religious service in the morning and the commencement activities in the afternoon.

Dr. Lyman V. Ginger, Dean of the College of Education of the University of Kentucky, delivered the commencement address at the 2 o'clock exercises. He reminded the graduates that life is filled with choices, and that their decisions in the future will be meaningful for themselves and for society and history.

At the morning service a set of communion bread trays, a set of offering plates, and a new lectern were presented and dedicated to the memory of Rev. John Dollar, well-known and beloved minister of the Congregational Christian fellowship, who died several years ago. The memorial gifts were made by ministerial friends and members of the family. A daughter, Mrs. A. D. Harry, is a member of the Board of Trustees of the college.

Citations for Meritorious Service to the college were presented by Board Chairman W. Pressley Ingram to Mr. Robert Russell, industrialist of Alexander City and chairman of the financial campaign of the college, and to Mr. Leon Phillips, president of the Bank of Wadley and a loyal supporter of the college.

Miss Peggy Hammock, immediate past president of the Southeast Convention Pilgrim Fellowship, was valedictorian of the class. Miss Suzanne Warren, active in Pilgrim Fellowship and Student Fellowship, was salutatorian.

Three Congregational Christian ministerial students were among the graduates — Leslie Floyd Carmack, Rudolph Starling, and Roger Irvin Whitely.

"National" Leaders To Visit Southeast Area

One of the National leaders who will be in the Southeast Convention area this summer is Miss Esperanza Cariasio of San Francisco, La Union, Philippine Islands.

Miss Cariasio studied at the Conservatory of Music of the University of the Philippine Islands in Manila, and received her teacher's diploma in piano and voice in 1954. Since then she has been a member of the faculty of the Bible Theological College, San Fernando. She is now on leave of absence for further studies in the States under the sponsorship of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. She arrived in this country in the fall of 1959, and is working for her Master's in Sacred Music in the Sacred Music Department of Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She will also take some courses in Art Education and Craft Work at Teacher's College of Columbia University.

MRS. NAKAGAWA

Mrs. Yukio Nakagawa, a National from Hawaii, will be the summer leader at the Junior High Camp, Crossville, Tenn., July 17-23, 1960.

Mrs. Nakagawa has been a Sunday School teacher, advisor to youth groups, church secretary, and Christian Education Director. She is coming to the Continent this summer as one of the delegates to the annual Pilgrim Fellowship Conference, which this summer will be held in Elmhurst, Illinois. After participating in the summer camp and conference program she will go to the Training School for Directors of Christian Education at Lisle, New York.

Mrs. Nakagawa received her B. S. from the University of Hawaii in the field of Home Economics in 1947, and attended the Honolulu Bible Training School for 4 years under the Rev. Paul Waterhouse. Mrs. Nakagawa has an 11-year-old son.

MISS DEVARAJ

The Women's Fellowship of the Georgia-South Carolina Conference will have as their guest leader for their Retreat to be held July 15-16 in Perry, Georgia, a National from India, Miss Mano Devaraj.

Miss Devaraj is a member of the Church of South India, and has been secretary of the Pastorate Committee, secretary of the Student Christian

\$25,000 CHEF Goal Almost In Sight

Thirty churches of the Southeast Convention have made pledges or contributions totaling \$21,005 toward the Convention goal of \$25,000 for the Christian Higher Education Fund Campaign of our Congregational Christian Churches.

If the remaining churches will accept their goals or make substantial contributions we will soon be over the top. How about your church? Has it taken action yet?

Antioch, Andalusia, Ala.	250.
Coldwater, Andalusia, Ala.	50.
First, Andalusia, Ala.	200.
New Home, Andalusia, Ala.	50.
Pilgrim, Birmingham, Ala.	1,000.
East Tallassee, Ala.	400.
Garden City, Ala.	20.
Pleasant Grove, LaFayette, Ala.	300.
Congl. Chr., Lanett, Ala.	2,000.
Huguley, Lanett, Ala.	200.
Congl. Chr., Langdale, Ala.	1,000.
New Harmony, Lineville, Ala.	50.
Jones Chapel, Moulton, Ala.	25.
Lowell, Roanoke, Ala.	300.
Todd, Shawmut, Ala.	60.
Congl. Chr., Wadley, Ala.	500.
Pyron's Chapel, Baker, Fla.	100.
Center, Atlanta, Ga.	50.
Central, Atlanta, Ga.	3,600.
Fredonia, Barnesville, Ga.	250.
United, LaGrange, Ga.	1,200.
First, Evarts, Ky.	450.
Pilgrim, Chattanooga, Tenn.	3,000.
First, Crossville, Tenn.	450.
First, Daisy, Tenn.	450.
Deer Lodge, Tenn.	150.
Glen Mary, Tenn.	150.
First, Knoxville, Tenn.	3,000.
Brookmeade United, Nashville	750.
Pleasant Hill, Tenn.	900.
Barton's Chapel, Robbins, Tenn.	100.
Total	\$21,005.

Movement in Madras, and president of Christian Education of the Madras Tanni/Nad Province.

Miss Devaraj is a graduate of the Women's Christian College of Madras; she has had a one-year course in Religious Education at Madras; and has attended St. Christopher's Training College, Madras, South India.

Miss Devaraj is the Headmistress of the largest high school, O. C. P. M., in the Madurai Mission, which serves 1500 pupils. She has held this position for the last 10 years.

Coming to the United States on sab-

How One Church Does It

In 1958 the First Congregational Christian Church of Everett, Pennsylvania, gave \$6,151 to Our Christian World Mission. Here are some questions we asked the Rev. Paul Gettinger, pastor of this 315-member church, and his answers:

How did this emphasis on the mission of the church develop in Everett?

First, Everett has been served by some wonderful ministers, all of whom have been deeply committed to the Church and its mission. When Dr. Carl Dille went to Africa soon after leaving the parish, this had a great effect on members in Everett. Another minister, Dr. James R. Clinton, was a Home Mission secretary.

There have been laymen who have been just as deeply committed to the mission of the Church. A deaconess who wanted to go as a missionary, but unable because of health, has labored faithfully by word and deed to inspire others.

How do you keep the Church's mission before your people and at the heart of your program?

The church school is vital in our missionary education. Each month we have a mission presentation in every department. An offering for Our Christian World Mission, as well as for the work of the local church, is received each Sunday in the church school.

How do individuals decide what to give?

Tithing has always been taught as a good guiding principle. In recent years a few laymen have considered 20 per cent of their income a fair tithe. One older lady on relief who has been bed-fast for some time because of a stroke, still sees that her tithe is brought to the church each month. The spirit of stewardship runs deep in many families.

How do your people decide to use the money they give to the church?

They look at the whole Church to see where they can best use their money. They are convinced that "apportionment giving" is the wisest decision. In recent years they have been challenged with the need of spending as much on others as they do on themselves.

batical in the fall of 1959, Miss Devaraj is currently in the Graduate School of Education at Boston University.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Young People

June 17-25—National PF-YF, Elmhurst
June 26 - July 2 — Kentucky-Tennes-
see Senior High Conference, Cross-
ville
June 19 - July 2 —Work Camp, Frank-
linton Center, Bricks, N. C.
July 3-16 — Work Camp, Southern Un-
ion College
July 17-23 — Kentucky - Tennessee
Junior High Conference, Crossville
July 31-Aug. 6 — Alabama-N. W. Flor-
ida Summer Conference, Southern
Union College
August 14-20 — Georgia-S. Carolina
Summer Conference, Roosevelt
State Park
August 25-Sept. 1 — United Campus
Christian Fellowship, Stephens
College, Mo.

General

July 6-8 — General Synod, Cleveland,
Ohio
July 15-16 — Georgia-South Carolina
Women's Retreat
July 18-22 — Southern Social Action
Institute, Blue Ridge Assembly
July 20 — Kentucky-Tennessee Wo-
men's Fellowship Retreat
July 22-23 — Alabama-N. W. Florida
Women's Fellowship Retreat
August 11-14 — Leadership Growth
Workshop, Southern Union
August 14-18 — Leadership Growth
Workshop, Pine Mountain, Ga.
August 19-21 — Leadership Growth
Workshop, Chattanooga, Tenn.
August 25-27 — National Joint Con-
vention (Laymen's Fellowship and
Churchmen's Brotherhood), St.
Louis, Mo.

SOUTHEAST CONVENTION BUDGET 1960

DISBURSEMENTS

Administration		
Salaries, Annuity, Rent, Group Insurance	\$14,531.90	\$14,531.90
Office		
Rent	\$ 500.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	400.00	
Equipment	150.00	
Miscellaneous	210.00	1,280.00
Organization		
Board of Directors, Committees	\$ 1,500.00	1,500.00
Promotion		
Supplies and Materials	1,600.00	
Southeast News	1,400.00	3,000.00
Travel		
Superintendent, Minister Christian		
Education, Special Travel Fund	5,650.00	5,650.00
Parsonage		
Principal & Interest on Loan	1,250.00	
Insurance & Maintenance	400.00	1,650.00
Miscellaneous*	850.00	850.00
Contingency	1,291.40	1,291.40
Church Aid and Mission Work	8,000.00	8,000.00
OCWM National Boards	7,750.00	7,750.00
Total Disbursements		\$45,483.30

RECEIPTS

Board of Home Missions, Regular	\$12,833.30	
OCWM from Churches	31,000.00	
Southeast News Subscriptions	400.00	
Miscellaneous	250.00	
Contingency	1,000.00	
Total Receipts		\$45,483.30

*Miscellaneous item includes appropriations to Southeast Regional Meeting, His-
torical Society, Congregational Christian Library, National Pastoral Records
Office.

HERE AND THERE

Mr. Earl Jones and Mr. William
Randolph, both former pastors of Gar-
den City while students at Birming-
ham-Southern College, were among
the graduates of the Class of 1960.

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The Reverend George C. Hewson
was installed as pastor of the St. John's
United Church (E & R), Birmingham,
Ala., on Sunday, May 22.

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Mrs. J. F. Meisamer retired as
head of the May Cravath Wharton
Home at Pleasant Hill, Tenn. Mrs.
Meisamer has completed almost 23
years of service at Uplands.

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Dr. Cyril Haas of Uplands has retir-
ed after 48 years of medical practice.
He and Mrs. Haas, who now are resi-
dents of the May Cravath Wharton

Nursing and Retirement Home, served
for 40 years in the mission field in
Turkey. For the past few years he has
given his services to Uplands.

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Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. re-
cently was elected to the National
Committee on the Mission of the
Church in Town and Country of our
Congregational Christian Churches.

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The July and August issues of THE
SOUTHEAST NEWS will be combined
into one issue and will be published in
August.

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The Rev. William M. McCullars re-
cently conducted revival services at
West Point, Bethel Church. Mr. Mc-
Cullars is pastor of the Oak Grove
Church, Pine Mountain, Ga.

People . . . Churches . . . Events . . .

Women's Fellowship Has Study On Christ And The Fine Arts

The Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Christian Church of Roanoke, Alabama, had its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. N. L. Littlefield, with Mrs. Jim B. Swann as co-hostess.

The president, Mrs. Gay Braden, presided over the business meeting. Mrs. Carlos Adcock gave the devotional on "The Meaning of the Cross."

The Evangelism and Spiritual Life chairman, Mrs. Mervin Harper, presented the program, using "Christ and the Fine Arts" by Cynthia Pearl Maus, which is an anthology of world-famous pictures, poetry, hymns, and stories, to bring out a greater appreciation for the fine arts.

Mrs. Gene Sherman discussed "Using Pictures in Teaching Religion," and then Mrs. Hillis Sheppard gave "Truth Pictured Through Poetry."

"Making Spiritual Values Creative through Stories" was explained by Mrs. Gay Braden. "Teaching Religion through Music" was given by Mrs. Tom L. Head.

A vocal trio, composed of Mrs. Olin Sheppard, Mrs. Head, and Mrs. Braden, sang "Were You There", in keeping with the spirit of Easter.

The story of the Resurrection in scripture, "He Is Not Here: He Is Risen," was read by Mrs. Otis Gilbert, Mrs. Olin Sheppard, Mrs. Odell Caldwell, Mrs. K. M. Payne, and Mrs. Lee Smith.

The hostesses served a dessert plate with coffee at the close of the meeting.

Lovely spring flowers were used in the rooms where the members assembled for the meeting.

The Rev. Charles W. Bell is now serving the Bethlehem Congregational Christian Church, Altamahaw, N. C. and plans to complete his college work at Elon College. The Bells will be greatly missed in Roanoke and in the Convention.

The Rev. Hugh Lasseter has succeeded Mr. Bell as pastor of the Lowell Church, Roanoke. Mr. Lasseter formerly served the Robbins (Tenn.) Parish.



HERE AND THERE

The Rev. Carroll W. Lewis has completed his work at the Candler School of Theology and has resigned as minister of the Langdale Church to accept a Methodist Church in Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and their two daughters plan to enter the overseas mission field. While in Illinois they will complete preparations and will be close to their families before going overseas.

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The Rev. J. Kermit Harris of Andalusia, Ala., became pastor of the Barnesville, Ga., Fredonia Church effective June 15.

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Mr. Roger I. Whitley of Alexander City, Ala., a recent graduate of Southern Union College, has been called to the Mountain Grove Church, Steppeville, Ala.

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The Garden City, Alabama, Church has called William Bostick, a Methodist student at Birmingham-Southern College, to be its pastor.

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Mr. Reid Kent, a member of the Congregational Christian Church, has been re-elected mayor of Lanett, Ala.

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The Rev. Carroll Lewis was a busy evangelist in the weeks immediately before leaving Langdale on June 6. He conducted revival services at Todd Church the week of May 22 and at First Church, Roanoke, the following week.

S. Ala. - N. W. Florida Minister's Association

The ministers of the South Alabama-N. W. Florida Association have met monthly to discuss mutual problems and promote the work of our Association this current year. Pictured above are those who attended the May meeting with their wives as special guests.

Left to right they are: Rev. Earle H. Temple, Mrs. Beasley, Mr. James Beasley, Mrs. Anita Harris, Rev. Kermit Harris, Billy Wayne, Rev. Ralph D. Worley, Mrs. Worley, Rev. E. H. Hemby, Mrs. Hemby, Rev. N. A. Long, Mrs. Long, Rev. W. A. Blankenhorn and Mrs. Blankenhorn.

Mr. Beasley is president of the association's Churchmen's Fellowship and spoke on the importance of "Putting Laymen to Work in the Church."

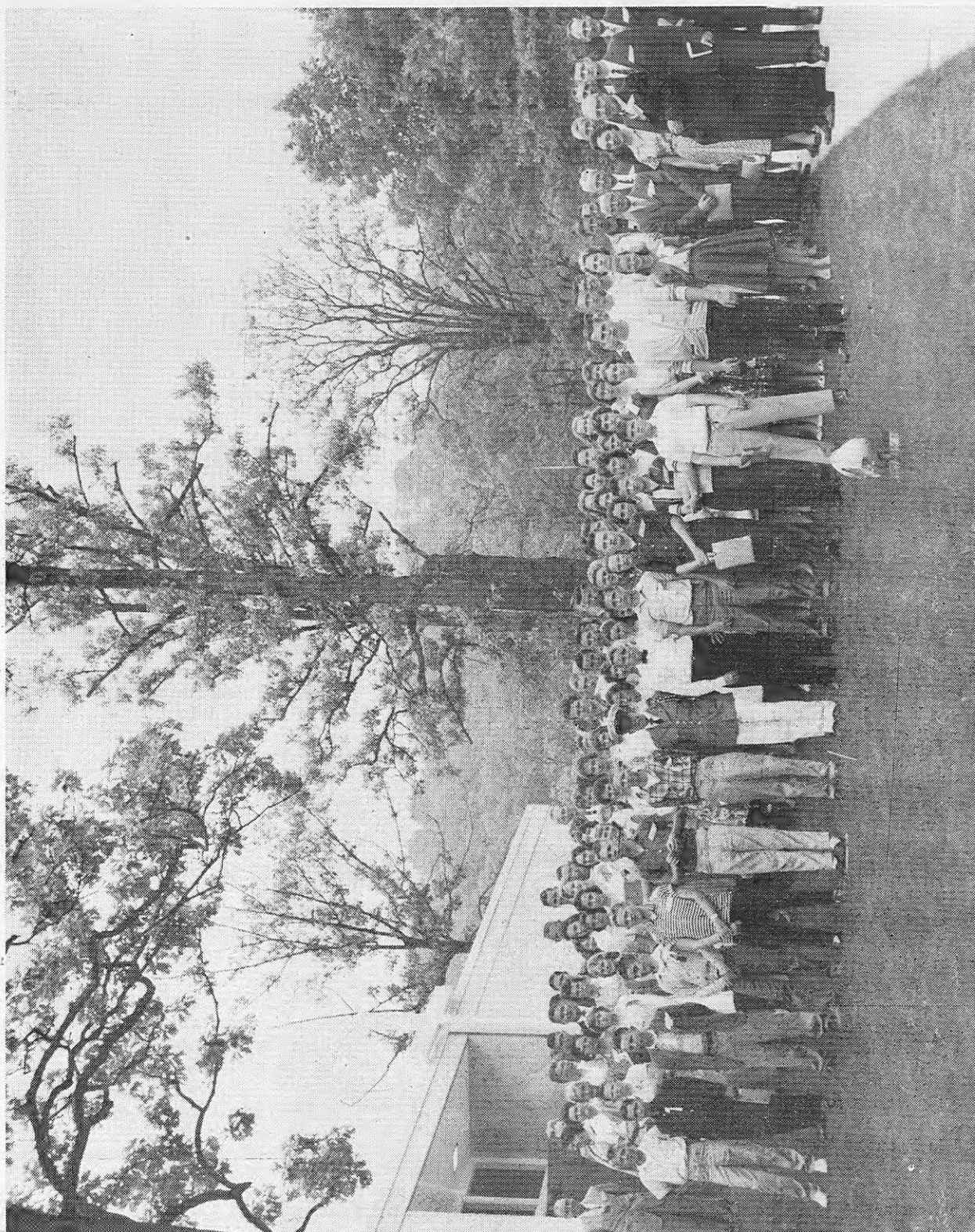
In past meetings, Rev. Long has conducted a series of classes pertaining to ministerial ethics. This last meeting involved an interesting discussion of the film, "We Came This Way," which is a history of our Congregational heritage and its influence on the American way of life.

Each month the meeting is held at a different host church on the invitation of its pastor.

The Congregational Christian Churches in the Valley will meet together at the Todd Church on Sunday night, July 10, at 7:30 o'clock.

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